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United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region

The General Assembly,

Guided by the fundamental and universal principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of 1993,[1] which reiterated the need to consider the possibility of establishing regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights where they do not already exist,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/127 of 16 December 1977, 51/102 of 12 December 1996 and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling further its resolution 60/153 of 16 December 2005 on the establishment of a United Nations human rights training and documentation centre for South-West Asia and the Arab region,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/51 of 9 March 1993[2] and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Reaffirming that regional cooperation plays a fundamental role in promoting and protecting human rights and should reinforce universal human rights, as contained in international human rights instruments, and their protection,

[1] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3* and corrigenda (E/1993/23 and Corr.2, 4 and 5), chap. II, sect. A.

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Welcoming the training activities and regional consultations conducted by the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region,

Noting that the developments in the Middle East and North Africa have generated growing demand for the services of the Centre, which as a result will not be able to discharge its mandate effectively without the allocation of adequate resources on an ongoing basis from the regular budget of the United Nations, as identified in the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,[3]

Mindful of the vastness of and the diversity within South-West Asia and the Arab region,

1. *Welcomes* the activities of the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region;

2. *Notes* the support provided for the establishment of the Centre by the host country;

3. *Also notes* that the Centre has conducted a number of training activities and regional consultations on United Nations human rights mechanisms, human trafficking, media and human rights education;

4. *Further notes* that the Centre is receiving an increasing number of requests for training and documentation, including in the Arabic language, which require additional resources and the reinforcement of its activities;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide funds and human resources from the regular budget of the United Nations, beginning in the biennium 2014-2015, to enable the Centre to respond positively and effectively to the growing needs in South-West Asia and the Arab region, to fulfil its mandate to undertake training and documentation activities and to support such efforts undertaken within the region by Governments, United Nations agencies and programmes, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations according to international human rights standards;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/67/36), para. 71.